

Do you need help finding a suitable place to rent?

Or help staying where you are?



Are you looking for a room, apartment or house to rent in the RDN (Rural Electoral Areas and City of Nanaimo, District of Lantzville, City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum Beach)? Although the RDN does not play a direct role in helping people find rental housing we are providing the following resources to help your search:

## Renting Tips

[Guide to Renting a Home \(Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation\)](#)

## Help Paying Rent

If you have a small income you may qualify for help with paying your rent or finding subsidized housing.

**Cash Assistance** - Find out if you qualify for help to cover the costs of private rental housing:

BC's Rental Assistance Program - RAP

1-800-257-7756

**Subsidized Housing** - Find out if you qualify for subsidized housing, and apply for a space:

BC's Subsidized Housing Program

1-800-787-2807

Cooperative Housing Federation of BC

1-866-879-5111

## Help Finding Subsidized Housing

If you need help finding subsidized housing (including housing for families and single adults), the Nanaimo Affordable Housing Society maintains a webpage of Housing Options for the City of Nanaimo.

Nanaimo Affordable Housing Society – Housing Options

250-755-1158  
1-800-787-2807

## Finding Private, Market Rate Rental Housing

- **Nanaimo News Bulletin**
- **Nanaimo Daily News**
- **Craigslist.ca**
- **Oceanside Star**
- **Parksville Qualicum Beach News**
- **Rentseeker.ca**
- **Kijiji.ca**

## Reducing Energy Bills

BC Hydro and FortisBC account holders with small incomes may qualify for help to reduce energy bills with a home energy evaluation, the installation of energy saving products and personalized energy efficiency advice. Find out if you qualify:

BC Hydro Energy Conservation Assistance Program 1-800-224-9376

## Resolving Disputes with Landlords

To get help with resolving a dispute with your landlord, contact:

BC Residential Tenancy Branch 1-800-665-8779  
Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre (TRAC) 1-800-665-1185

## Need More Help with Housing?

Several organizations may be able to support your efforts to find affordable housing that meets your needs including filling in applications, finding housing or dealing with landlord issues.

### Region Wide

**Nanaimo Citizens Advocacy Association** 250-753-2321

Provides programs to assist and advocate for individuals who are the working poor, on income assistance or with disabilities such as with representation or education on residential tenancy issues.

**Nanaimo Justice Access Centre** 250-741-5447 / 1-800-578-8511  
Provides assistance to individuals and families in resolving issues relating to family and civil law issues such as separation or divorce, income security, employment, housing or debt.

**Canadian Mental Health Association** 250-244-4042 / 1-800-555-8222  
Helps people with mental illness with employment, housing, early intervention for youth, peer support, recreation services for people with mental illness, stress reduction workshops, and public education campaigns for the community.

**Vancouver Island Crisis Line** 24 Hr 1-888-494-3888  
For 24-hour support when you are in crisis and need someone to listen and provide you with help. This includes figuring out who can help you with family or relationship challenges, resources for finding food, housing, income support and other needs.

**AIDS Vancouver Island** 250-754-9111 / 1-888-530-2437  
Connects clients with HIV or Hep.C to housing by providing weekly a list of housing and/or assisting with housing applications.

**Nanaimo Women's Resource Centre** 250-753-0633  
Connects women and their families to resources to find or maintain their rental housing.

**Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society** 250-753-6911  
Provides immigrants with direct settlement services and referrals. This includes assistance finding housing, dealing with tenancy issues, employment, training and other supports such as coordinating translation services.

### **Gabriola Island**

**People for a Healthy Community** 250-247-7311  
Connects renters on Gabriola with landlords and other services to help people secure and maintain affordable housing.

### **Oceanside Area**

**Society of Organized Services (SOS) SD 69** 250-248-2093  
Provides services and resources to help those struggling to meet daily needs. This includes supports and services for those facing homelessness.

## **Find More Community Resources**

**Community Resources Database** 1-888-494-3888  
In addition to crisis support the **Vancouver Island Crisis Line** provides community resource information and access to the Mental Health Crisis Response Team when appropriate.